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July 27, 2007

The Honorable Larry Gossett Chair, King County Council Room 1200 COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

This transmittal provides the King County Council with the Regional Voting Center Consulting Group (RVC CG) recommendation report regarding the number and location of regional voting centers (RVCs) and ballot drop-off locations (BDOLs). This recommendation report is provided to council members in response to Motion No. 2007-0129

The council approves the county executive's creation of a consulting group composed of representatives from the following groups maintaining geographical and qualified major parties diversity: the King County elections section staff; the citizens' elections oversight committee; the metropolitan King County council staff, as designated by the council chair; the elections disability advisory committee; and the Voting Rights Act Section 203 community coalition. The consulting group shall submit to the council proposed locations for regional voting centers and ballot drop locations no later than July 27, 2007. The consulting group shall be chaired by the King County elections staff member and shall seek the advice and feedback of the King County elections disability advisory committee in accordance with RCW 29A.46.260.

This report provides a comprehensive analysis and recommendation based on different criteria for the locations of regional voting centers and ballot drop boxes, including accessibility, security, and geographic and voter density dispersion. Supporting research and analysis of potential number and locations of RVCs and BDOLs are also included.

Regional voting centers are facilities that primarily serve disabled voters by providing a private and independent ballot via in-person, accessible voting machines. BDOLs are King Countysanctioned receptacles used for voted ballots. Postage is not required when using a ballot dropoff location.

The Regional Voting Center Consulting Group held six meetings total, resulting in the recommendation for 17 regional voting centers and 36 ballot drop-off locations throughout the county.

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The Council's continued involvement and support of King County Elections are greatly appreciated and vital to the successful transition to voting by mail.

Sincerely,

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